Judges’ Awards

ONE OF OUR SIX JUDGES, EDDIE REDMAYNE LENDS HIS SUPPORT TO THE BOUROULLEC BROTHERS. WHOSE DESIGNS, LIKE THIS ‘BELLEVILLE’ CHAIR FOR VITRA, ARE THINGS WITH PERSONALITY AND SOUL. HE SAYS. PHOTOGRAPHED BY JAN LEHNER

DESIGNERS OF THE YEAR
Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec

The Breton brothers’ diverse output last year was elegant and modern. They created modular pavilions for the Tuileries Garden, commissioned by Galerie Kreo and Emerge, while outdoor pieces for Kettal and Hay and tables and chairs for Vitra all married archetypal shapes with a contemporary aesthetic. Most impressive were their ‘Kaari’ tables and shelves for Artek, focusing on a triangular element (page 109), and their handsome ‘Serif’ TV for Samsung (overleaf). With a mix of vintage looks, contemporary sleekness and technology, the duo has shown a deeper versatility than ever.
REDMAINE WITH THE
BOURQUELLÉS’ SERIP
TV FOR SAMSUNG,
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Grooming: Lee Machin
When Samsung asked the Bouroullecs to come up with a completely new concept for a TV, the electronics giant was making a well-informed bet that design-savvy consumers were looking for something different from ever-larger flat screens. The result is the ‘Serif’, which looks like a rather old-fashioned free-standing TV, with its 1950s legs and rectangular format. We love the fact that the Bouroullecs went back to first principles and really thought hard about how we use TVs these days. Rather than trying to make it disappear, they’ve designed a quite individual piece of furniture, which happens to show moving images.

BEST DOMESTIC DESIGN
‘Serif’ TV, by Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, for Samsung
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"SERIE" SETS IN PROGRESS AT THE BOUROULLEC BROTHERS' STUDIO IN PARIS, PHOTOGRAPHED BY JEAN-NOËL LEBLANC-BONTEMPS